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Said Crocus: "My! This wind is cold!  
 Most wish I had not been so bold;  
 Here the fields are all still brown;  
 Glad I wore my eider-down."



Trailing Arbutus, you know,  
Loves to grow beneath the snow.  
Other folks would find it chilly;  
She says that's absurdly silly.



Lady Tulip, stately dame,  
From across the ocean came;  
Liked this country very much,  
Though she only spoke in Dutch.





Windflower on an April day,  
Came along and said she'd stay;  
Wore her furs snug as you please,  
Said she liked the nice, cool breeze.



Lilac wears a purple plume,  
Scented with a sweet perfume;  
Very high-born lady she,  
Quite proud of her family tree.



Fragrant little Mignonette,  
In a shower got quite wet;  
Laughed and said she didn't care—  
It looked like jewels in her hair.



Pansy said she wished she knew  
What made Larkspur look so blue;  
Larkspur smiled and said 'twas only  
'Cause she felt a little lonely.



Geranium wears a scarlet gown,  
With trimmings shading into brown;  
Her cousin is a dainty sprite,  
She dresses modestly in white.



Sweet Alyssum plays around  
On any little piece of ground;  
Takes up hardly any room,  
And sheds a very sweet perfume.





Iris in a country garden  
Politely said, "I beg your pardon,  
But I'm from sunny France, you see,  
And my real name is Fleur-de-Lis."



Chrysanthemum is Japanese,  
She's a fine lady, if you please;  
She comes to see us once a year,  
About the time Thanksgiving's here.





Waterlily is very fond  
Of floating in a sunny pond.  
Tantalizing little creature,  
Likes to grow where one can't reach her.



Zinnia stands so very straight  
Just inside the garden gate;  
Sometimes single, sometimes double,  
Never gives a bit of trouble.